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OVER THOUSAND LIVES LOST WHEN STEAMER OVERTURNS

EXCURSION BOAT EASTLAND, LOADED WITH 2,500 PLEASURE SEEKERS GOES TO BOTTOM OF CHICA- GO RIVER

MORGUES OVERFILLED WITH BODIES; ENTIRE CITY MOURNS CATASTROPHE

Heart-Rending Scenes attend Identification of Dead By Heart Broken Relatives—Officials Busy Investigating Cause of Tragedy and Disposing of Dead and Injured—Flags Flying at Half Mast and All Forms of Amusements Cease—Business Men Extending all Possible Aid to Sufferers.

Chicago, July 24.—Eight hundred and forty two bodies had been recovered last night, according to official count, from the twenty four hundred employees of the Western Electric Company and their relatives and friends who started on board the excursion steamer Eastland this morning for a holiday across the lake. Coroner Hoffman announced he believed the total deaths will not be over a thousand. Others bodies are supposed to be in the steamer or in the river.

The coroner announced an order to arrest every official of the Indiana Transportation Company which leased the Eastland. Three juries, federal state and the coroner's were summoned to enquire why the vessel rolled over before she left the dock this morning, dumping her living load into the water and drowning hundreds within twenty five feet of water and almost within reach of the thousands of friends waiting to take other boats on the same excursion.

Faulty construction of the ship, poor management, and a rush of the crowd to one side of the deck to watch a moving picture machine are among the various causes given. There is nothing to indicate that the boat was overloaded, but as she began to tilt, men, women, children, deck chairs and other movable objects slid in an indescribable mass into the water.

While people crushed under each other in the water had not a chance even to swim. Scores of other caught below were drowned like rats. Efforts began today to aid survivors, were taken up tonight by the Red Cross, city and other authorities.

A mob tonight stormed the morgue and had to be beaten back with policemen's clubs. Survivors of employees of the Western Electric Company will get insurance from the company.

Chicago, July 25.—Under misty skies 7,000 men, women and children went to Clark street dock early today to fill five large steamers with holiday mirth on a trip to a Michigan City. The steamer Eastland was the first to be loaded.

Rain began to fall as the wharf superintendents lifted the gang planks from the Eastland, declaring that the government limit of 2,500 passengers had been reached.

Passengers swarmed to the left side of the ship as other steamers drew up the river towards the wharf. A tug was hitched to the Eastland, ropes were ordered cast off and the steamer's engines began to hum. The Eastland did not budge, however. Instead the heavily laden ship wavered listwise, leaning first towards the river bank. The lurch was so startling that many passengers joined the large concourse already on the river side of the docks.

The ship never heeled back. It turned slowly, but steadily towards its left side. Children clutched the skirts of mothers and sisters to keep from falling. Water began to enter the lower port holes and the hawsers tore out splices to which the vessel was tied. Screams from passengers attracted the attention of fellow excursionists on the dock awaiting the next steamer. Wharfmen and picnickers soon lined the edge of the embankment, reaching out helplessly towards the wavering steamer.

For nearly five minutes the ship turned before it finally dived under the swift current of the river. During the listing of the vessel life boats, chairs and other loose appurtenances on her decks slipped down the sloping floors, crushing passengers towards the rising waters. Then there was a plunge with a sigh of air escaping from the hold, mingled with the crying of children and the shrieks of women and the ship was on the bottom of the river, casting hundreds of living creatures into the water.

Many sank, entangled with clothing and bundles and did not rise, but hundreds came to the surface and seized floating chairs and other objects. Persons on shore threw out ropes and dragged in those who could hold these life lines. Employees of commission firms along the river threw crates, chicken coops and other floatable objects into the river, but most of these were swept away by the current.

Boats put out, tugs rushed to the scene with shrieking whistles, and many men jumped into the river to aid the drowning. With thousands of spectators ready to aid and the wharf within grasp hundreds went to their death despite every effort at rescue.

One mother grasped her two children in her arms as she slipped from the steamer into the water. One child was torn from her but she and the other were saved. Fathers were drowned after aiding their wives and children to safety.

One man was seen to cling to a spike in the side of the wharf while two women and three children stepped on his body to safety. He fell exhausted into the river as the last one of them reached the pier.

The whole city was in consternation over the catastrophe. Word of the spread rapidly and to the thousands already at or near the wharf other thousands added themselves.

Clark street bridge near the wharf was crowded until it threatened collapse. Streets had to be cleared by the police to allow the passage of ambulances.

Business men sent automobiles and motor trucks to help aid the injured and carry away the dead. One warehouse soon was filled with bodies and other dead were taken to the second regiment armory a mile away.

Identification was slow and scenes at the morgues were as affecting as

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LAUNCH ATTRACTED CROWD TO PORT SIDE OF SHIP AND CAUSED ACCIDENT

Chicago, July 24.—That a sudden rush of persons on the deck of the Eastland to the port side to look at a speeding launch caused catastrophe was the assertion of Jack Elbert, a gauge tender of the Eastland. He said he and J. M. Erickson, chief engineer, escaped drowning by wading through water in the hatch and crawling out of a port hole into the river. "The steamer Eastland was kept stable by means of a water ballast system," Elbert said. "Water is pumped into the chambers in the ship until she becomes steady. "The first thing I noticed this morning was that the Eastland began to lean to starboard. Erickson, the chief engineer, was in charge of the pumps used to pump the water into the chambers.

"He said, 'boys steady her up a little,' and then we pumped water into the other side until she was up even and all right. We had just evened her up when the launch came down the river and passed the Eastland and the crowd on deck rushed over to the port-side to look at it. "The weight all on one side apparently proved too much and the Eastland began to list badly. "We worked frantically at the pumps to try to bring her back but she was too far gone. "Eye witnesses informed the police that there was a man in a launch with a moving picture camera and that this attracted the attention of the passengers on the Eastland who rushed to one side of the boat.

STANDARD OIL WON'T ACCEDE TO DEMANDS

REFUSES MODIFIED DEMANDS OF STRIKING EMPLOYEES

MEN WILL NOT RETURN TO WORK

Sheriff Can't Control Situation Longer Unless Troops Are Sent.

New York, July 24.—Bayonne oil strikers were notified late tonight by officials of the Standard Oil company that the company would accede to the modified demands of the strikers. The strikers called a meeting and decided not to return to work Monday.

Bayonne, N. J., July 24.—The situation at the Standard Oil strike is tense and has about reached the breaking point. Sheriff's Kinkadee, wearing by his night's work admitted that he was at the limit of his resources unless Governor Fielder sends troops. The strikers are short of food and are unable to buy any. This adds to the seriousness of the situation.

Mrs. J. Sargent Campbell known as a social worker, and Amos Pinchot, said, after an investigation, that their sympathies were wholly with the strikers.

CONVICT'S STATEMENT DOESN'T AID BECKER

Said He Heard Rose, Webber and Vallon Plotting Against Becker.

Albany, July 24.—The plea of Joseph Murphy, a long time convict, who today told Governor Whitman he heard Jack Rose, Bridgie Webber and Harry Vallon conspire in the Tombs prison this year ago to put the blame on Charles Becker, failed to get Becker over a stay of execution.

Gen. Funston Ordered To Stop Mexicans Firing Across Border

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TO MAKE NAVY EQUAL TO ANY IN THE WORLD

WILSON'S CALL FOR REPORTS ON NATIONAL DEFENSE IS EXPLAINED

ARMY WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED

Possibilities of Foreign Situation Cause of President's Inquiry Into Conditions of Defense.

Washington, July 24.—It was indicated tonight in official quarters that the administration's plan for a report on national defenses, which has caused widespread comment, resulted from consideration of the possibilities of the international situation.

Wilson in letters to Secretaries Daniels and Garrison referred to no particular situation, but stated he wished to make the navy as efficient as any in the world and to have the regular army adequately equipped and trained in a way consistent with American traditions. After he gets the reports he will prepare his message to congress.

Army and navy officers believe the coming military budget will be nearly double that of last year.

Washington, July 24.—Formal announcement was made at the White House today that President Wilson on his return here will confer with Secretary Daniels and Garrison on a national defense program. The president has written the heads of the war and navy departments for reports on the subject. He pointed out the necessity of working out plans for increasing the efficiency of the military and arms of the government.

Nothing was stated officially concerning the government's purpose, but it was hinted that with the dispatch of the emphatic note to Germany the president decided to hasten these reports.

Reports are being prepared for the regular session of congress so that all available information may be had in case of an emergency. There are no intimations yet that the president has fixed a definite time for submitting the programs for national defense to congress. The purpose is said to be to map out comprehensive plans so no time will be lost should he decide to call an extra session.

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How Germans Will Squeeze Slavs



This map shows how the Germans, commanded on the north by General von Hindenburg and on the south by General Mackensen, propose to squeeze the Russians out of Warsaw, and thereby gain one of the largest and richest cities of Russia. Incidentally they will, if they succeed, take most of Russian Poland. The German-Austrian battle line, according to reports, reaches from Libau on the Baltic Sea, south through Prussia to Suwalki, then southwest to Lodz or just east of it—for it has been reported that Lodz has been taken by the Germans. It then follows a course southeast down as far as Bukowina.

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF GREENVILLE DEAD

Capt. O. P. Mills Expires at Summer Home—Organized Mills Mfg. Co.

Greenville, July 24.—Capt. Otis P. Mills, organizer and president and treasurer of the Mills Cotton Manufacturing company, and a citizen held in the highest esteem and affection, died suddenly last night at 9 o'clock at his summer home at Cedar Mountain, N. C. Capt. Mills had been in poor health for several years, though his demise was sudden and unexpected. He was in the seventy-fifth year of his age. The news of his death brought sincere sorrow to thousands. He was of genial disposition, even temper and of unceasing integrity and his public spirited activity in the business and social life of Greenville won for him commendation from the public at large.

Malik Taken to Bellevue.

New York, July 24.—The trial of Rudolf Malik, the Austrian salesman charged with having mailed threatening letters to President Wilson and the consul general of Austria-Hungary, was not continued today. The man was transferred from the Tombs to Bellevue for examination by experts in mental diseases.

Dundee Beats Rivers.

New York, July 24.—Johnny Dundee outfought Joe Rivers in their 10-round bout in Brooklyn last night. Dundee had the better of every round excepting the tenth, which was even.

Noted Scientist Dead.

Halifax, N. S., July 24.—Sir Sanford Fleming, widely known civil engineer scientist and public man died here. He was 88 years old.

TELLS GOVERNOR OF ASSAULT ON FRANK

Assailant Tells Governor Harris He Planned Attack Unaided.

Milledgeville, July 24.—William C. Green stabbed Leo Frank because he feared the prison would be attacked by a mob bent on lynching Frank, he told Governor Harris today. The governor came here with a legislative committee to investigate prison conditions and go. Green's statement, as Frank's assailant had said he would tell only the governor or B. H. Hartsley of Macon his story. Green said he planned the attack several days before and said nothing about it to anyone and stole the knife from the kitchen. After the statement he bared his back to disprove reports that he had been flogged since the attack. Frank is better today.

Burning Ship in Port.

Durban, Africa, July 24.—(Via London.)—The Peninsular and Oriental line steamship Bonalla, on which fire broke out on her way through the Indian ocean from London for Australia with 800 emigrants on board, arrived here today with smoke still issuing from her hold.

German Munitious Steamer Lost.

Copenhagen, July 24.—A German munitious steamer was blown up in the North Sea off Mano Island. Only bits of the wreckage have been recovered.

Texas Wants More Judges.

Austin, Texas, July 24.—Texas is deciding today the question of adopting a constitutional amendment to increase the state supreme court membership from three to five members.

TEUTONS CLAIM MORE GAINS IN FIGHT ON WARSAW

AUSTRO-GERMAN TROOPS ARE CLOSING IN FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

QUIET IN WEST SEA TO VOSGES

Italians Continue Attacks on Goritz—Reported to Have Taken Forts.

London, July 24.—German army headquarters tonight claim further breaches in the defense of Warsaw. Teutonic troops are closing in from the north and south. Von Gallwitz's army has stormed the Russian fortresses of Rozen and Pultuck. The Germans crossed the narrow river between these places.

Further to the north they are also advancing. To the southeast of Warsaw they are making headway. Apparently the Russians are holding their own south of Lublin.

Only minor operations are reported in the west front the sea to Vosges.

The Italians are continuing their assaults on Goritz. University reports say they have taken Goritz. Heavy fighting is known to be in progress there.

London, July 24.—Private messages from Riga report that the Germans have landed their entire army corps on the coast near Libau, a Petrograd dispatch to the Telegraph. The Germans seemed first aiming toward Riga, but a sudden swing toward the south, by this flank confirms the belief that their real objective is to cut the communication of the Russian Warsaw army, which are protected by cavalry and other light troops.

May Hope to Save Warsaw.

London, July 24.—The battle about Warsaw is still raging without any indications of the ultimate outcome. Petrograd concedes that there is fighting six miles southwest of Ivangorod, where the Germans smashed the wire entanglements, but were hurled back with heavy losses.

Both Vienna and Berlin, without giving details, claim the Austro-German forces are now fighting virtually along the Lublin-Chelm railroad. Petrograd admits the German attack on a village on this railroad, but claims it was repulsed. It is conceded by some that this ground was again lost. The impression is growing here that the Russians are now fighting in hope of saving Warsaw and defeating the Germans. That the Germans feel their forces are not entirely adequate is indicated by news from Riga, which says the German army corps recently landed at Libau had been sent to strengthen the attack on Warsaw.

The western front is comparatively quiet.

Russian Vessel Sunk.

London, July 24.—The Russian ship Fabonia has been torpedoed and landed on the Orkney islands. The crew trawler Star of Peace was also torpedoed and sunk off Orkney. The crew was landed at Stromness.

WAR SHARES MARK WEEK ON EXCHANGE

Spectacular Trading and New High Records Feature of Week.

New York, July 24.—Spectacular trading in war shares marked the active week in the stock exchange, with new high records in these issues. The extent of these dealings completely dwarfed the operations of other parts of the list.

Profit taking reduced the quoted values of most of these specialties but the speculative mania promises to be renewed unless held in bounds by powerful interests.

Railways suffered more or less severely. St. Paul and Canadian Pacific made the lowest prices in many years. The Southern and Southern-Wester lines fell to quotations never before recorded. Altogether the week saw a strength of unreasoning speculation. The international situation assumed a new phase by the forwarding of the governments late note to Germany.